

ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY
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LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES AUGUST 2022

The Anoka County Library Board met at the Northtown Meeting Room on August 22, 2022. Present were Board Members: Backlund, Greensweig, Kost, Lenz, Orpen and Commissioner West.

Absent: Fast, and Lawrence,

Also present: Colleen Haubner, Library Director; Jacquie Kramer, Assistant Library Director; Kathryn Timm, Assistant County Attorney; Mary Healy, Library Manager Centennial branch; Erin Straszewski, Manager, Library Community Engagement; Sarah Hawkins, Manager, Library Collections; Dana Weigman, Supervisor, Administrative Services; and Ronda Bliss, Administrative Assistant.

Meeting was called to order by Board President Orpen at 5:30 p.m. and a quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Backlund	x	
Fast		x
Greensweig	x	
Kost	x	
Lenz	X	
Lawrence		x
Orpen	x	

AGENDA

On a motion by Kost, second by Greensweig, the agenda was approved with the following change: Move Locker Action Item 2022-008 to information items.

OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present for the open forum.

LIBRARY IMPACT STORY

Healy provided the library impact story.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Kost, second by Greensweig the consent agenda was approved as presented.

- July 25, 2022, Library Board minutes were approved.
- Gifts of \$1,616.39 were accepted.
- Bills for the month of July totaling \$158,357.44 were paid.

ACTION ITEMS

Action Item 2022-008 Library Lockers Open Extended Hours was moved to information items.

INFORMATION ITEMS

CENTENNIAL LIBRARY BRANCH REPORT – Healy presented the Centennial Library branch report.

LIBRARY LOCKERS OPEN EXTENDED HOURS – Haubner explained the pilot for keeping the lockers open from 4:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., for 3 months then reviewing, and making a recommendation for hours going forward.

READING BRIDGE UPDATE – Straszewski reported that 67 volunteers have been signed up for the Reading Bridge program that will be rolled out at all branches in the fall except for North Central which will start in the spring.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM UPDATE- Straszewski gave the final numbers on the Summer Reading program.

EQUITY INNOVATION CENTER EXPERIENCE – Haubner invited the Library Board Members to attend the Equity Innovation Experience on November 16, 2022, from 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The Library Public Service Team, representatives from Human Resources, Commissioners, and select staff have also been invited to attend. 30 spots are available.

SENSORY KITS & SENSORY STORYTIME – Weigman reported that Rum River and Northtown libraries are now offering sensory-friendly storytimes. Sensory Kits have been put together for patron use at the libraries.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Haubner presented the following in her report:

1. Northtown landscape and concrete repair has been completed.
2. Rum River landscape, cement repair and pollinator garden are in progress.
3. Mississippi landscape clean up and plans for pollinator gardens.
4. North Central remodel phase II is set to begin September 12, 2022. The branch will close on September 2, 2022.
5. Policy review of Library Use of Space and Room Reservation process is due. The committee will meet to review.
6. Every Meal continues through September 5, 2022.
7. Three districts are looking for members to join the library board for terms starting January 2023.
8. Financial report – we are right on track.

PROPOSED FUTURE TOPICS

There were no requests from the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a roll call vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Bliss
Administrative Assistant